in the matter only after the State Government/Civil Authorities sponsor firm proposals for the desired facilities, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

Pollution by Public sector Units

1999. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some public sector units have been violating the instructions by not installing the pollution control equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some public sector units in the country are not conforming to the prescribed standards due to their not installing adequate pollution control equipment. However, these units have already initiated steps to provide the necessary pollution control devices. The progress of work in this respect is monitored by the respective State Pollution Control Boards.

(c) The action taken by the Government against such units is as under:

i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to limit the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated standers;

iv) The Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments, has prepared an action plan to meet the effluent and emission standards for polluting industries, including public sector units;

v) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of polluting industries from congested area;

vi) Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to closer of small-scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

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New Flight between Indore and Bhopal

2000. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether the government have any proposal to introduce new air routes between Delhi, Indore and Bhopal; and